

Efforts by the broadcast networks to restrict the ability of home viewers to record shows violate the principles of fair use that have been reaffirmed through Supreme Court precedents (the Betamax case).

This is yet another effort in their ongoing battle to sponge the absolute maximum profit out of the American public. The entertainment industry does not view us as customers or clients, but as "cash cows" waiting to be milked for every last nickel and dime that they can get. Please reject this offensive effort to take away privileges that we have long enjoyed -- the right to time shift programming as we see fit.

The airwaves that broadcasters use are our public birthright and they are given the privilege to use them in return for which they owe us. Please remind them who is actually in charge -- the American consumer.